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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Salman Akram

**Serial No.:** 09/708,932

**Filed:** November 8, 2000

**For:** A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
FORMING METAL CONTACTS ON A  
SUBSTRATE

**Confirmation No.:** 4170

**Examiner:** J. Mackey

**Group Art Unit:** 1722

**Attorney Docket No.:** 2269-3434.1US  
(97-0856.01/US)

**Notice of Allowance Mailed:**

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Sir:

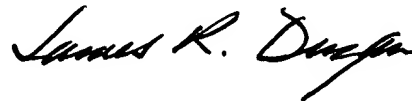
Applicants submit herewith Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal for the above-captioned application. Because Applicants previously paid an issue fee, and extra copies fee for five (5) copies of the patent when issued, a Request to Apply Previously Paid Issue Fee to Issue Fee Required by New Notice of Allowance is enclosed.

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Also enclosed are Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a) and Fee Addressee for Receipt of PTO Notices Relating to Maintenance Fees.

Applicant understands that no additional fees are required. However, if the Office determines that any comparison fees or other additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fees to TraskBritt Deposit Account No. 20-1469. A copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures: Part B - Issue Fee Transmittal  
Copy of Transmittal Letter  
Request to Apply Previously Paid Issue Fee to Issue Fee Required by New Notice  
of Allowance (3 pages, with attachment)  
Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a) (15 pages)  
Fee Addressee for Receipt of PTO Notices Relating to Maintenance Fees (2 pages)

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In re Application of :  
Salman Akram :  
Application No. 09/708,932 : DECISION GRANTING PETITION  
Filed: November 8, 2000 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)  
Attorney Docket No. 3434.1US(97-856.1) :

This is a decision on the petition, filed March 21, 2006, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

*Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on August 29, 2005 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.<sup>1</sup>*

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3218.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 1722 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement.

*Frances Hicks*  
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Petitions Examiner  
Office of Petitions

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<sup>1</sup> The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal Form (along with any balance due at the time of submission), which includes the following language thereon: "The Director of the USPTO is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or to re-apply any previously paid issue fee in the application identified above. Petitioner is advised that, whether a fee is indicated as being due or not, the Issue Fee Transmittal Form must be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment. Note the language in bold text on the first page of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85)."



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Sir:

Pursuant to the Decision Granting Petition Under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), mailed March 29, 2006 (a copy of which is attached hereto), Applicant respectfully requests that the issue fee paid March 15, 2005, and applied to the Issue Fee payment on August 29, 2005, in the amount of \$1,415.00 be applied to the issue fee due under the new Notice of Allowance mailed May 9, 2006. The \$1,415.00 amount previously paid was for payment of the issue fee, plus five (5) extra copies of the patent when issued.

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This Request is submitted simultaneously with the new Part B – Fee(s) Transmittal (Form PTOL-85) and accompanying papers.

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Attachment: Copy of Decision on Petition mailed March 29, 2006

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